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Madras Public Service Commission

* 26 *Q.*—Sri VENKATACHALAM (on behalf of Sri K. S. Abdul Wahab) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the post of any Member of the Madras Public Service Commission has fallen vacant; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal to fill it up?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) & (*b*) The vacancies caused by the expiry of the term of office of Sri A. M. Allapichai and Sri V. Ratna Mudaliar have been filled up.

Text books

* 27 *Q.*—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Government of India regarding the text-books that have been prescribed for use in various schools in the State, and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The rules relating to the Text-book Committee have been suitably amended to exclude books which are likely to promote separatist tendencies or over-emphasise provincialism. The Government have also constituted a Sreening Committee which will weed out such books.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : There was a text-book prescribed for the VIII Standard, I think, to which the attention of the Government was drawn by me at the time of the National Integration Committee meetings. Has that book been taken out?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not have specific information on that. But Government have taken notice of the fact that some books have been prescribed. I think it is the book which the hon. Member mentioned '*Nam nattu kurikkol*'. The Director of Public Instruction has stated that the scrutiny will be more strict hereafter.

N.C.C. Training

* 28 *Q.*—Sri R. VENKATACHALAM (on behalf of Sri K. S. Abdul Wahab) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of (i) boys and (ii) girls in the colleges who are receiving military training under the new scheme as on 1st August 1963; and